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SENATE BILL No. 470

DIGEST OF SB 470 (Updated February 11, 2015 6:13 pm - DI 116)

Citations Affected: IC 20-32; IC 20-51.

Synopsis: Schools receiving choice scholarships. Provides that an accredited nonpublic school may administer, instead of the ISTEP program, another nationally recognized and norm referenced assessment in the same manner as a freeway school may. Provides that a school that is eligible to accept choice scholarships may: (1) be accredited by the state board of education (state board) or a regional or national accreditation body that is recognized by the state board; and (2) use a locally adopted assessment program instead of the ISTEP program. Requires the department to provide proof that the information requested is necessary at the time the information is requested.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

Schneider, Yoder

January 14, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Education & Career Development.

February 12, 2015, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass; reassigned to Committee on Appropriations.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-32-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2015]:

4 **Chapter 10. Growth to Proficiency Assessments**
5 **Sec. 1. Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year and each school**
6 **year thereafter, an accredited nonpublic school may administer,**
7 **instead of the ISTEP program under IC 20-32-5, another**
8 **nationally recognized and norm referenced assessment in the same**
9 **manner as a participating school as described in IC 20-51-1-6.**

10 **Sec. 2. The state board shall develop and maintain a method of**
11 **reconciling the approved performance and growth assessment**
12 **programs under section 1 of this chapter for purposes of**
13 **measuring a school's improvement under IC 20-31-8-1 and placing**
14 **the school in a category or designation of school performance**
15 **under IC 20-31-8-4.**

16 SECTION 2. IC 20-51-1-4.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.211-2013,

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1 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
2 JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 4.7. "Eligible school" refers to a public or
3 nonpublic elementary school or high school that:

- 4 (1) is located in Indiana;
5 (2) requires an eligible choice scholarship student to pay tuition
6 or transfer tuition to attend;
7 (3) voluntarily agrees to enroll an eligible choice scholarship
8 student;
9 (4) is accredited by either:
10 (A) the state board; or
11 (B) **for a school that is an eligible school on January 1,**
12 **2015,** a national or regional accreditation agency that is
13 recognized by the state board;
14 (5) administers **either:**
15 (A) the Indiana statewide testing for educational progress
16 (ISTEP) program under IC 20-32-5; **or**
17 (B) **a locally adopted assessment program that meets the**
18 **requirements set forth in IC 20-26-15-6(7);**
19 (6) is not a charter school or the school corporation in which an
20 eligible choice scholarship student has legal settlement under
21 IC 20-26-11; and
22 (7) submits to the department only the student performance data
23 required for a category designation under IC 20-31-8-3.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Education and Career Development, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 470, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 20-32-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]:

Chapter 10. Growth to Proficiency Assessments

Sec. 1. Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year and each school year thereafter, an accredited nonpublic school may administer, instead of the ISTEP program under IC 20-32-5, another nationally recognized and norm referenced assessment in the same manner as a participating school as described in IC 20-51-1-6.

Sec. 2. The state board shall develop and maintain a method of reconciling the approved performance and growth assessment programs under section 1 of this chapter for purposes of measuring a school's improvement under IC 20-31-8-1 and placing the school in a category or designation of school performance under IC 20-31-8-4."

Page 1, line 13, reset in roman "is".

Page 1, line 14, reset in roman "recognized".

Page 1, line 14, delete "meets the standards adopted".

Page 2, delete lines 9 through 40.

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

(Reference is to SB 470 as introduced.)

KRUSE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 3.

